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THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

The reorganization which is taking place in the ordnance department of this government is only what is to be expected in view of the conditions which have been brought to light by the investigations which are underway. It is perhaps unjust to place the whole responsibility upon General Crozier since it is well known how reluctant congress was to enter on a programme of adequate preparation during the early days of the war and before this country was in danger of being drawn therein. The opposition and delay retarded seriously what otherwise might have been done, and yet in spite of it all there were steps which could and should have been taken when not only at the beginning of the trouble but later on as if became certain that the United States

THE INVESTIGATIONS.

There are some who are declaring that it is most unfortunate that the investic tions which are underway by congress are bringing to light such conditions as are being revealed and that they are being presented for such comfort as the enemy can get from

It is a question in the first place. however, whether the revelations are giving the enemy any rea; informa-tion which it has not already secured through its knowledge of the pre war conditions in this country and the close touch it has maintained regarding the preparations which have been hurriedly made. But it is to be realized that if we are going to secure efficiency in our war preparaand needs met that there must be steps taken to better conditions when they are such as have been glaringly displayed before the investigations

were started. There is, of course, criticism of the constructive sort, that which is put forth in good faith and with honest intentions, and there is that which is of diminishing trouble from that diindulged in to impede, but it cannot help being realized that the conditions which are being brought to light by some of the investigations underway and the steps which are being taken already to improve them are going to result to the benefit of this country to a far greater extent than to the enemy. Mistakes and incompetency cannot be allowed to continue If our war efforts are going to sucseed and the quicker they can be un

THE OBJECTION TO DELAY.

Interest is always keen where ac ion against big corporations is taken because large numbers are always incolved and because such concerns are of much importance to the industrial ife of the country. Such is especially true at this time, so that when the attorney general asks that the suits brought by the government for the lissolution of seven big companies be delayed by the United States supreme court until after the war it is a re-

quest which creates much concern. These corporations have been making preparations to contest the suits. They have been kept in a state of uncertainty for some time as to what the autcome will be although they may have confidence in their ability to prove their contention, and the increase in the time before the litigation will be ended naturally increases the uncertainty in regard to their po-Even though they are permitted to carry on their business as it s being done for an unknown period, plants wherever it is possible.

nothing to guide them as to the many outlays which they may want to make or which they feel ought to be made as soon as possible in the interests of their business.

It is not surprising therefore that two of the seven corporations should oppose any delay. This does not mean that they want to handicap the nation but that they believe that the questions involved should be determined as quickly as possible that they may be of greater assistance to the government under war conditions and sellous involved that they may be of greater assistance to the government under war conditions and sellous involved that they may be of greater assistance to the government under war conditions and all mankind seems totally incapable ernment under war conditions, and all the law or not, instead of being kept

THE NEUTRAL SHIPS.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the report which comes from Washington to the effect that the government has completed negotiations whereby it will take over under charter the neutra! shipping which has been lying idle in the harbers of this country is based upon fact.

For a long time this country has been in need of this very shipping. For a half year or so vessels belong-For a haif year or so vesses belonging to neutral countries to the number of about a hundred and a tonnage history. It is the well-dressed facts of a haif million have been tied at which make the despest impression in piers or been swinging at anchor waiting for bunker coal and assurances of this country that there would be not been invented yet which can fully interference with their departure, Supplies which were desired by the countries to which they belonged and were destined have been tied up and it is the pressure which this country has been able to bring to bear through the embarge on exports that what appears to be a solution of the matter has been

These ships may not be used in connection with our despatch of troops and supplies to Europe. Some will doubtless be allowed to carry needed foodstuffs to their own countries unproper safeguards as to their use but others will be put into the coast-wise and South American trade and as the result others will be released for such service as is required of them This country has been seriously handicapped by the lack of just such ships and the chief advantage gained by getting the vessels through negotiaions instead of commandeering then is that we have not antagonized the make up for the delay can best be

THE BOLSHEVIKI THREAT.

came certain that the United States was likely to become involved. It is the important supplies which Russia this phase of the matter which calls was getting from this country and for changes even though the responsibility of congress in falling to give contracts cancelled and Russia virtually left to its own resources become contracts and the second contracts cancelled and Russia virtually left to its own resources become contracts and the second contracts cancelled and Russia virtually left to its own resources become cause of the danger of such goods provide the required funds cannot be cause of the danger of such goods and in addition another great handican government declines to be a profiteer that the insportant supplies which Russia.

But such shakeups are only what has been experienced in other countries where it was realized that great saving with the various provinces of the enemy is the trouble which the boishevikl are the fore to be expected that this country must make such a move, even though

must make such a move, even though at a late date. It would nave been preferable to have shown earlier benefits from the lessons of these other countries but we must now make the best of our situation and put forth every effort in the future to make the for the handicaps of the past, and in this direction the reorganization should go a long way.

| Doisheviki cannot cause any great terprore to cause any great terprore in Germany when it threatens to reengage in the war. In view of the many troops and guns which have been withdrawn from the eastern front by the Germans and, Austrians however it might make the kaiser keep more troops along that border than he had intended but the danger would not be sufficient to force him into any not be sufficient to force him into any peace which he did not consider favorable.

0.000 EDITORIAL NOTES.

Icemen may complain about a shortage of help to harvest the crop but they cannot claim that there is any

year to the despatch of the usual New Year greetings to the heads of the central powers,

Even the bone dry states will probably impose no objections to the sending of a British tank throughout the country for recruiting purposes.

In view of the Ukrainian ultimatum to the bolsheviki it looks as if the latter were facing increasing instead

rection.

More confidence could be placed in Trotzky's statement that the German terms will not be accepted if the bolsheviki had not been playing so per-sistently into the hands of the enemy

With the order going into effect in New York state for lightless nights six nights in the week deference is shown to those who have for long precovered and removed the better it will ferred Saturday as their night to get lit up,

With the coal shipments which have with the coal shipments which have don Observer of a recent date says; been so often promised to the people 'It is known that the line of Shakes-of New England started, or about to peare's own body terminated in his start, it begins to look for the first grand-daughter. Lady Barnard of time that the much needed, relief was

going to be obtained.

The man on the corner says: Human nature approaches its best when it smiles and sends back a thank you to the clerk in the coal office who says no orders are being taken or filled.

There was a time when the removal of 82 trains from the New Haven schedules would have brought forth mighty protest. Today there are conwhich force this action which cannot be disregarded.

In taking charge of the power plants at Niagara Falls the government gives recognition to hydro elec-tric plants in a way which ought to spur on every section of the country to increased development of such

THE MAN WHO TALKS

ernment under war conditions and all mankind seems totally incapable of making a reality of conditions which would make life heavenly. which would make life heavenly. There's too much fiddle-faddle in all of the world's singing and praying. Peantiful songs and beautiful prayers are of less account than beautiful doughnuts unless human souls are purified and glorified by them. It is high time singing and praying amounted to something more than pretty words and sounds.

Many people would be horrified should they be told there is as much truth in some novels as there is in the book of St. John, simply because they are unaware there is truth in any novel. It is far from error to pro-cisim that standard novels do not connot been invented yet which can fully express what man sees, feels or does. Novels are simply pictures of the schemes and actions of men and women: and if the women are not real the action of the men, women and children in them have and will have their counterparts in the conduct of human souls for all time.

Lord Hugh Cecil says to his fellow citizens: "We are Christians first and Englishmen afterwards:" but it looks to me as if they were just the reverse of this. As self-preservation is the first law of nations. England is the first law of nations. England is engaged in a righteous war now, but her unrighteous conquests are like the triffes at a country auction sale—too numerous to mention; and the selfish motive is still present; but England still is Christian in her treatment of enemies within her borders and the enemies of the Huns and their allies.

The claim of battling forces that they are fighting for God and humanity is and ever has been a false pretence, for it is only occasionally that international strife can put up a gisptoous it is only occasionally that interna-tional strife can put up a righteous

As an alternative to the refusal of the German government to agree to the bolsheviki peace terms, it has been claimed that those at the bead of the bolsheviki have threatened to resume war operations. That this is not like, by the frighten the kaiser can be well appreciated for no one knows better than he does what the condition of the Russian armies is. Demoralization religns therein as the result of the policy of the bolsheviki and in addition conditions have been made much worse by the giving of orders to stop all work in the factories engaged in the production of war munitions and devote all efforts to turning out peace time products.

BATTERIES RECHARGED.

Your battery is not necessarily a dead on:" because it is discharged. Expert handling will fill it anew wiser and more profitable to consider the government. There, are men who do not realize that an order from the government to furnish coal to citizens the Russian armies is. Demoralization religns therein as the result of the policy of the bolsheviki and in addition conditions have been made much worse by the giving of orders to stop all work in the factories engaged in the production of war munitions and devote all efforts to turning out peace time products.

But aside from those conditions, which furnish a big obstacle to any attempt at the resumption of the war, the important supplies which Russia was getting from this country and the presence of what they consider the way of least friction is the best and safest way. Men who as getting from this country and

One of the most pitiful exhibits of the war is how slowly heathen ideas are knocked out, and how valiantly men can die who by every law of right England is to have compulsory rationing soon. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

With all the opportunities that there are for work, there is no excuse for the tramp or the panhandler these world massacre and consequent penacing famine which we are all warned we must work to prevent, the world senselessness of man and his uncon-sciousness of his own rights and pow-er will leave no doubt that he is of hortage of ice.

Simian descent and is as far it was a childish ignorance, from being capable of self government. But now 'tis little joy as the Arborean tribes from which he To know I'm father off from heaven

When anyone begins to realize their ble is principally with themselves. It is not the work, but antagonism to the not the work, but antagonism to the there, but they need recharging work which creates hard sledding, must take some effort to renew arising from love of leisure or a lack old motives and regain the old arising from love of leisure or a lack of interest. Work is always wearing if we do not strive to do it well, or If we come to regard it as druggery and ourselves not much better than slaves. To be doing something useful and profitable should be a source of pleas-ure; and doing little things well is the way which leads to the accomplishment of greater and better things an a lt is in opposition to ourselves that study, we excite irritating nerves and create conditions which make everybody re-lated to or connected with us uncom-fortable. Half the ills of man could fortable. Half the ills of man could be cured today by well directed occu-pation. More of us are rusting out than wearing out.

It must be pleasing to the great feet whatever. He could not endure and distinguished family of Smiths to without it. Called perpetually to know that they are connected with know that they are connected with the family of Shakespeare. The Lon-Abingdon, near Northampton, but Shakaspeare had a sister, Joan, who married William Harte, of Stratford, and this branch partly under the name of Harte and partly under that of Smith, may be regarded as the last remains of that family, which as long as transcendant genius merits distinction, ought not to be suffered to pine in want or to struggle against the mis-eries which beset poverty, however industrious. In passing lately through Tewkesbury a well-known literary character was led, by a reported in-scription on the tembstone of a John Harte, burled there in 1800—which in-scription described him as 'a sixth de-scendant of the Poet Shakespeare"—to inquire whether there lived in that town any survivors of the family. Af-ter much search he discovered a son of this Harte, who had been christened by the name of William Shakespeare. This poor man is a chair-maker by trade, and works as journeyman to a Mr. Richardson. The contour of his countenance strikingly resembled the Harte, buried there in 1800-which in-

CRAFTSMEN OF TWO CITIES

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

Norwich, which, as every one knows, was at an early date one of the most important and wealthy towns of the Connecticut Colony, had a number of childed silversmiths, according to George M. Curtis's book on Early Connecticut Silver and Its Makers.

Greenleaf, Nathaniel Shipman, and William Cleveland, the last-named grandfather of President Grover Cleveland. Eli Terry, inventor of the Connecticut shelf clock, also learned his trade of Hariand, as did Daniel Burnap, the expert clock-maker and silversmith of East Windsor.

In addition to the trade of silversmithing, Harland was an expert watch and clock maker. As early as 1790 he had twelve workmen in his employ, his annual output being two hundred watches and forty clocks. hundred watches and forty clocks.

He also produced quantities of jewelry, which is described in his advertisements as "Brilliant, garnet and plain gold rings, broaches, hair sprigs, ear jewels, and gold and silver buttons." His ascortment of plate consisted of "Tea pots, sugar baskets, creamieures, ea tongs and spoons."

Among his apprentices afterwards in business in Norwich were David

BATTERIES RECHARGED.

have come to recognize bodily condi-tions, likewise, as being at the bot-

sedentary worker will be the better for a half hour's daily practise with a bucksaw. The lumber jack should try to spend a half hour cach day with a good book. Let one avoid her spend and silversmith's should be spend and silversmith's should be should b body. Everybody needs occasional respite from the thing he does most or the time. He will do his regular work the time. He will do his regular work the buckles: 6 silver table spoons; 3 doze the better

the better.

No form of renewal is more neces sary than that which affects the in-ner life. Spiritual powers will not remain indenfinitely in full vigor. Unconsciously, often, the process of deterioration goes on. Hundreds are in the case of Samson who "wist not that God had departed from him. Nothing grows stale quicker than a religious experience that is not constantly renewed. One may flatter himself that, years ago, he took out first papers in the kingdom of heaven. while, in all the time since, he had been living almost like an allen ene-my. Said Tom Hood:

The fir trees, dark and high: I used to think their slender tops Were close against the sky;

Then when I was a boy.

Many a man thinks he has lost al work is wearing flercely upon them capacity for faith, when he has really they should then sense that the trou-lost only the zest of certain old ex-ble is principally with themselves. It is periences. The life batteries are sions. There is a bygiene of the spiritual life as inflexible as that con-trolling the physical health. In an address to young ministers, a great journalist, Talcott Williams, urged the importance of such hygiene, counselling the giving of "time and the same time, if possible, each day: counselling the giving of "tim an appointed reading a constant study, a season spent in individual meditation, prayer which shall be perpetually seeking to follow the developments of all prayer in all developments of all prayer in all were in the caverns and under bushes.

The conscious communica. The clergyman needs such constant renewal at perennial springs, if his work is to "carry on" with any ef-

> upon this perplexing world." "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" is the ancient promise. You have justification there for every practise of devotion in promise. You have justification there for every practise of devotion in which men engage. Prayer is for the purpose of recharging life's batteries. The habit of church attendance is for the same end. It may make small appeal to thousands in every American commissity, but it will never lose favor with other thousands who have come to view the matter in the light of opportunity rather than merely of duty. No more profitable habit could be formed in the new year by one who wishes to discover the real basis for human optimism. real basis for human optimis who wishes to see life clearly and see it whole. THE PARSON.

> > CASTORIA

so does everybody else need it would look out with eyes of

Children Cry. FOR FLETCHER'S

eyes of faith

Perhaps the most important, Mr. Curtis says, was Thomas Harland, who was born in England in 1735, and came to Norwich in 1773, dying here in 1809.

A page illustration shows as a sample of Thomas Harland's work a silver porringer with a cover, diameter 4 3-4 inches, now the property of Mrs. Thomas Harland who resides in the Harland homestead at Norwich Town. This fine old plece of plate shows Harland's mark, Hartland, in the rectangle between the profile and eagle displayed.

Jesoph Carpenter, born in 1747, was an other enterprising sliversmith, whose shop still stands fronting on the old town green. This shop has recently been renovated and restored, as noted in The Bulletin by generous and publis-spirited Norwich citizens, at the suggestion of Henry W. Kent, of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, formerly curator of Slater Museum, Norwich, who spends his vacations at Norwich Town.

Other silversmiths working in Nerwich in early days were William Adgate, Samuel Noyes, Gurdon Tracy.

Other silversmiths working in Nor-wich in early days were William Ad-gate, Samuel Noyes, Gurdon Tracy, Charles Whiting, Philip and Russell Huntington, in the eighteenth century, and Judah Hart and Alvah Wilcox of the firm of Hart & Wilcox, Thomas C. Colt, and Elisha Mansfield, of tse firm of Colt & Mansfield, also William Guriey, in the early part of the nine-

New London, another enterprising and wealthy town, find its quota of silversmiths, Mr. Curtis recalls. Mention has already been made of Dantion has already been made of Dan-iel Deshon, (1692-1720) and Samuel John Gray, (1692-1720) and Samuel Gray (1634-1713) both born in Boston, followed their trade in New London at an early date. Two interesting places made by the latter, a can and a snuff-box, were shown in the recent silver exhibition at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Captain Pygan Adams was the son of Rev. Eliphalet Adams, paster of the Congregational church, New London, succeeding Hon, Gurdon Saltonstall when the latter became governor of

Capt, Pygan (1712-1776) was a prominent man and represented the town in the General Assembly at most town in the General Assembly at most of the sessions from 1753 to 1765. He was appointed by the Assembly to many important effices, as auditor, overseer of the Mohegan Indians at their reservation below Norwich, and one of the builders of the lighthouse in New London, in 1760. He was also a deacon of his father's church.

He is called a merchant in the History of New London; but his father, in a deed of gift to Pygan in 1736. calls him a goldsmith; and Joshua Hempstead, in his diary, has three entries which show that when he needed anything in the goldsmith's line, he patronized Captain Pygan Adams. In 1735, he bought of him a pair of gold sleeve-buttons, in 1738 some plated buttons, and in 1744, Pygan replaced the broken mainspring of his match.

Additional evidence puts him in the class of the best silversmiths Connecticut has produced. In 1910 a fine porringer bearing the mark "P. A." necticut has produced. In 1910 a line porringer bearing the mark "P. A." ing, and it turned out they were cheering spoon and tankard owned in Lyme, and several fine spoons owned on the eastern end of Long Island are also so marked. No other known silversmith had these initials.

"The success shows the necessity for trained troops, as untrained troops could not possibly have secured such results. It was exactly the same as getting 15 per cent on your money instead of two per cent.

Mr. Curtis' book pictures a silver coffee-pot made by Pygan Adams, from the collection of Judge A. T. Clearwater Kingston. N. Y. Its height including the finial, is 10 1-4 inches; diameter of cover 2 3-4 inches, diameter at bottom, 4 7-8 inches. Its marks are, on the bottom "P. A." crowned in rectangle, also "P. A." twice in rectangle at right of handle.

John Champlin (1745-1800) also

with a good book. Let one avoid be-that period: '1'2 strings of gold beads: coming muscle bound in brain or 40 pairs of silver shoe buckles and a buckles: 6 silver table spoons: 3 dozen tea spoons: 10 silver watches; a large quantity of watch chains, keys, main jewels, broaches, etc."

> November 30th, 1781, he notified his old customers and others that, since the destruction of his shop by the enemy "he has erected a new one by his dwelling in Main Street." This "destruction" referred to burning of New London by a British force under command of our rather too famous townsman, Benedict Arnold! THE DICTAGRAPH.

STORIES OF THE WAR

The French Dash

(By the Associated Press)
The French in their recent success ful operation on Monte Tomba cap tured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight. From the top of a nearby hill he saw the French attack and afterwards saw the prisoners, guns and booty brought in chological." However, if he had been "It was a record-making fight in trying to warm his house with the many respects." he declared. "Just kind of coal a good many of us have many respects," the French took more prisoners in our bins, or with the oil stoves they had men engaged, which is used by those who have no coal in g the records in the military antheir bins, he might be willing to think, the French took more presents than they had men engaged, which is among the records in the military an-Austrian prisoners, which is another physical. There are times when milestone for them as heretofore they postively hate that word "psycho

had captured only Germans.
"In addition to the 1400 prisoners we counted 560 dead on the ground and no one knows how many more The perfect French military system enabled them to accomplish this with insignificant loss—less than fifty men.

"The Fiftieth Austrian Division, which was the one attacked, is con-sidered a good fighting organization. But the Austrians were accustomed to fighting Russians and Rumanians and this was the first time they had met the highly trained French troops. The result was that rawness and indis-olpline were swept away before discipline and training.

in I never saw a more miserable, pit-iful, starved lot of soldiers. They looked like the riff-raff from the slums of some blg city. Even the officers

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appeared underfed and underclothed, and I saw only one with a whole pair

stead of two per cent.
"The spirit and enthusiasm of the
French troops as they leaped into the

cupation, and could have held this advanced position back of the enemy lines, but it was beyond the objective

OTHER VIEW POINTS

ular man whose average success in

inated again no one will voluntarily be his opponent.—Waterbury Ameri-

agency, told the senate in committee the other day that the coal shortage might be described as "psychological". However, if he had been

postively hate that word "psychologi-

The sugar brokers make it quite

clear that it would be in a business sense impractical for the sugar trust

to eliminate them, were it not for war conditions, which assign to the several refiners his share of raw sugar for refining, so that the market is dito eliminate them, were it

vided between the refineries. The su-

gar brokers are but victims of a labor saving device. They have no right to continue unless they perform a neces-

cal."-Providence Bulletin.

Lady Asistant

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and I saw only one with a whole pair of breeches.

"When the officers were lined up there were forty-two Austrians and two Germans. The Austrians were told they would receive the usual tractment given officers and gentlemen, but the two Germans were told plainly that they would receive exactly the same treatment given French officers in Germany. The group of Austrian officers was impressed greatly at this, and openly declared their hatred of the Germans. A little later FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH Jacques Thibaud hatred of the Germans. A little later we heard the Austrian soldiers cheer-ing, and it turned out they were cheer-

Margaret Jamieson THE NOTED YOUNG PIANIST

THE GREAT FRENCH VIOLINIST

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French troops as they leaped into the enemy trenches are beyond all praise. Their earnestness not only carried them into the trenches, but actually far beyond them. Some detachments kept on going until they reached the upper Plave back of the lines held by the enemy. The found deserted villages and little evidence of enemy occupation and could have held this adsary service for the community. sary service for the community. The circumstance that sugar has been distributed through them for fifty years does not cause the inexorable hand of necessity to be laid upon them any more lightly. The fact may as well be faced. If the war lasts any length of time, the movement from the producer to the consumer will be shorter than it is now and very much shorter. than it is now and very much shorter But it showed what enthusiasm than it used to be, for sugar and many other necessaries .- Bridgeport Times

and Farmer.

The modern automobile driver laughs at the pilot of the lumbering yoke of oxen when he whirls by on a summer day. But the ox-pilot has his The recent scandals developed in Washington incident to machine guns and rifles; if it does not give comfort to the enemy, will, it seems to us, give a number of perfectly good votes to age or stalled in a country road at the A New Haven letter intimates that

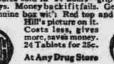
ex-Congressman Tom Reilly would like to return to Congress or become

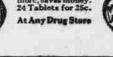
Covernor of the state Very likely. It which is ninety-nine and nine-tents. Governor of the state. Very likely, It which is ninety-nine and nine-tenths lar man whose average succession. the hands of the voters has been high.
But with southern prejudice against
New York and New England as inveterate as it is Connecticut will be
apt to elect Republicans to Congress
and if Governor Holcomb is to be nomreached now the people would be jus-tified in lynching him. Snow is an infliction, something to be endured, not admired .- Bristol Press

The Greek Minister of Pinance has applied to the courts for the seizure of the property of the ex-Prime Minis-ters Skouloudis and Lambros.



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